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FM AMEMBASSY CARACAS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1781

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CPRS/VE

SUBJ: SEIZURE OF US. AIRCRAFT PIPER N65 DM

REF: STATE 021315

CONGRESSIONAL INTEREST

1. PIPER N65 DM WAS SEIZED ON 5 JANUARY BY VENEZUELAN TECHNICAL JUDICIAL POLICE (PTJ) AS RESULT OF LOOKOUT NOTICE FROM US. LEGATT, CARACAS WHO HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY FBI MIAMI THAT PIPER HAD BEEN STOLEN FROM H.F. EQUIPMENT INC. THE PTJ NOTIFIED LEGATT IMMEDIATELY AFTER SEIZURE. LEGATT NOTIFIED OWNER SAME DAY, JANUARY 15, THAT PLANE HAD BEEN SEIZED. PLANE WAS NOT CONFISCATED. THERE ARE NO CHARGES THAT PLANE WAS INVOLVED IN DRUG TRAFFICKING.

2. AS THIS CASE INSTIGATED BY US. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND WAS BEING HANDLED THROUGH THEIR CHANNELS, SCS WAS NOT NOTIFIED. A REPRESENTATIVE OF MASON EQUIPMENT'S INSURANCE COMPANY CALLED AT EMBASSY JANUARY 22 AND WAS PLACED IN CONTACT WITH LEGATT OFFICE. THIS OFFICE ASSISTED HIM IN DETERMINING PROPER PROCEDURES FOR REGAINING POSSESSION OF AIRCRAFT UNDER VENEZUELAN LAW. IT WAS ALSO STRONGLY SUGGESTED THAT INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE CONSULT LOCAL ATTORNEY. LEGATT OFFICER WHO DEALT WITH PTJ AND INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE AWAY FROM POST. LEGATT IS RECONTACTING PTJ TO LEARN PROCEDURE FOR RECOVERY OF AIRCRAFT. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE SCS WHEN DETAILS KNOWN. IN INTERIM SUGGEST UNCLASSIFIED

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SCS AND SENATOR CHILES CALL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR FULL
DETAILS OF CASE AS REPORTED LEGATT TRAFFIC.
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